

# Haggerston School

## Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and carers

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced this week the intention for schools to return full time to all year groups in September. The DfE bulletin from 24th June (<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwJWXStzJSkjjrjFZTRRfscckbrQ>) explains that more guidance on the proposed full return will be published over the coming weeks. While we await this detailed guidance, we have been modelling some possible options for September and have agreed the following in principle. These may have to be adapted when we receive more information on arrangements from the government:

- Adding an additional training day for staff on Monday 7 September to ensure staff are clear about new systems and procedures around infection control and that there is a clear plan for 'catch up' and support of students' wellbeing on their return.
- Using the first week back as an Induction Week, focusing primarily on re-integration and wellbeing with a staggered return for different year groups.
- Using the second week back as a Transition week, blending increased tutor time with a return to normal lessons.
- Modifying the plans for Parent Information Events.

We do not yet know what the social distancing requirements will be but I will update you as soon as we have clarity. The bulletin above also provides updated advice on [staying safe outside your home](#) now that the two metre rule has been adjusted. Please share this with your families so that they are aware of how to keep themselves as safe as possible.

On Friday 3 July, we will be running an online Character Day focused on wellbeing. Ms Haynes has produced a set of resources around this theme for students to work through on that date. Teachers have been asked not to set work on Friday to allow students to engage fully with the PSHE materials and tasks set. We are also planning to run a virtual 'sports day' before the end of term and will provide more information about this next week.

Finally, the theme of this week's bulletin is around Black Lives Matter. Hackney Learning Trust have produced a booklet of resources for parents to support their conversations with their children about this important subject ([Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter Booklet](#)). The booklet also offers a range of suggestions about how we can all support change and promote anti-racism and empower our children to do the same. This is a sensitive topic and the materials are designed to be thought-provoking. There is no intended criticism or challenge to your parenting; instead these are designed to help parents and provide suggestions of resources and approaches to talking to children about these issues. We are planning to make anti-racism this a core strand of our PSHE curriculum next term. In the meantime, these resources will hopefully help to shape discussions and activities at home.

Have a lovely weekend  
Ms Emmerson  
Headteacher

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## Well-being and Mental Health Services in your school



[Please click here to view the full flyer](#)

**Parent anxiety around the return to school:** Temi Olayinka, our school's Education Mental Health Practitioner, will be recording a video on parents' and carers' anxieties about the return of pupils to school to share with you soon.

If you are feeling worried, nervous or anxious and would like to submit a question, concern or comment on this topic, please email Temi at [temi.olayinka@nhs.net](mailto:temi.olayinka@nhs.net) writing Haggerston in the subject line by Tuesday 16th June. Temi will aim to address them in her video, but will not share any names. Once recorded we will share the video link with you.

### Autistica online Research Festival

Autistica are hosting an online Research Festival from 3 to 9 July. The festival will bring together autism researchers, autistic people, relatives and carers to hear the latest research and discuss how to make progress towards long, happy, healthy lives for autistic people. There will be a range of sessions each day including panel discussions showcasing the latest autism research, workshops, breakfast discussion sessions, Q&A panel sessions and social events happening in the evenings.

The timings are planned to help those wishing to attend to do so within their work schedules. Each day will include short presentations, about 15 minutes, from a range of speakers on a wide range of topics relevant to people who are autistic and people who are interested in or working in this field.

Different days focus on different themes:

- Quality of life, stress and wellbeing 6 July, AM
- Mental Health and co-occurring conditions 6 July, PM
- Physical health and basic science 7 July, AM
- Accessing education (across the lifespan) 8 July, AM
- Communication and Language 9 July, AM

View the full list of available sessions [here](#).

You can find out more and [register for the free event here](#).

Article source: [Ella Ritchie](#), Hackney SEND Local Offer coordinator: 020 8820 7659

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## World Afro Day 2020

World Afro Day (WAD) promotes education and appreciation for the unique position of afro hair, throughout the world.

World Afro Day is a global day of change, education and celebration of Afro hair, culture and identity. Everyone is welcome on this journey. They have two key focuses, which is an annual event on Tuesday, 15 September 2020 that will spotlight Afro excellence, raise awareness and create normalisation and aspiration relating to Afro hair. Secondly, they have an education programme for young people that teaches about Afro hair and society. This will benefit children of all backgrounds, through empathy, equality and empowerment.

If you would like to know more about how your school can celebrate World Afro Day or enter into their competitions then please see [this letter](#) and further details [here](#) or visit their [website](#)  
Article source: Orlene Badu, System Leader Young Black Men Project

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## New competition: a vision for life after Covid-19

This [competition](#), run by UCL openDemocracy is open to school and university students (aged 14 and up) to share their vision of the future, with prizes of £200, £100 or £50 in book tokens plus the chance for personal mentoring from the panel of some of the world's foremost thinkers and some fantastic work experience with either UCL or openDemocracy.

Entrants can submit either a written article, short video or image that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crisis has passed.

Further details can be found [here](#).

## Key Notices

**Vaccination UK** have asked the school to host two vaccination clinics before the end of term for the following groups of students:

Y9 - Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio  
 Y8 - HPV dose 2

Despite COVID-19, the NHS and Public Health England (PHE) are still emphasizing the importance of children receiving their usual routine vaccines. These diseases have not gone away despite school closures, so it is important that children receive these vaccines when they are due.

More information and consent forms are available on the school website. The clinics will be managed through an appointment system organised by Vaccination UK with full social distancing (2m) in place.

<https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/>

## Coronavirus – Advice for Schools and Parents/Guardians

Please follow this link to our website page to view advice and updates:

<https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/parents/carers/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/>

## Term Dates for Academic Year 2020-2021

### AUTUMN TERM

START	HALF TERM	FINISH
Mon 07 September 2020 (Years 7 and 12 only)	Monday 26 – Friday 30 October 2020	Friday 18 December 2020 Early Closure 12.45pm
Tues 08 September 2020 (All students)		
<b>INSET DAYS:</b> Thursday 03 September 2020 Friday 04 September 2020 Monday 07 December 2020		

### SPRING TERM

START	HALF TERM	FINISH
Tuesday 05 January 2021	Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2021	Thursday 01 April 2021
<b>INSET DAY:</b> Monday 04 January 2021 Monday 22 March 2021		

### SUMMER TERM

START	HALF TERM	FINISH
Monday 19 April 2021	Monday 31 May – Friday 04 June 2021	Friday 23 July 2021 Early Closure 12.45pm

## Save the Date Events 2020-2021

### INFORMATION EVENING DATES

<b>Year 10 and 11</b>	
07 September 2020	
<b>Year 8 and 9</b>	
17 September 2020	
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 12 &amp; 13</b>
22 September 2020	N/A

### PARENTS' EVENING DATES

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>
23 March 2021	27 April 2021
<b>Year 9 + Options Evening</b>	<b>Year 10</b>
23 February 2021	04 May 2021
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Year 12 &amp; Year 13</b>
12 January 2021	26 January 2021

**OTHER USEFUL DIARY DATES**  
(BANK HOLIDAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

<b>26 December 2020</b>	<b>01 January 2021</b>	<b>02 April 2021</b>	<b>04 April 2021</b>
Boxing Day	New Year's Day	Good Friday	Easter Sunday

<b>05 April 2021</b>	<b>03 May 2021</b>	<b>31 May 2021</b>	<b>30 August 2021</b>
Easter Monday Bank Holiday	May Bank Holiday	Spring Bank Holiday	Summer Bank Holiday

Regular communication with parents/carers is important to us at Haggerston School. It is vital that the school office holds updated and current contact information in order that you can receive important messages from school or in case of a medical and/or emergency situation.

*Please contact the school office to update or confirm that your contact information is correct.*

**P: 020 7739 7324**

**E: [haggerstonschool@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:haggerstonschool@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk)**

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>		
<b>START</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>FINISH</b>
Monday 20 April 2020	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2020	Friday 17 July 2020 Early Closure 12.45pm